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IN RE APPLICATION OF: **MONAGHAN, ET AL.** :

APPLICATION NO.: **09/590,585** : Examiner:

FILING DATE: **JUNE 8, 2000** : Group Art Unit:

TITLE: **PURINE DERIVATIVES** :

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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT CLAIMING BENEFIT OF PRIOR APPLICATIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §§ 119(a), (e), 120, and 365(a), (b), (c) — DESIGNATED "A"

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.55(a) and 1.78(a), Applicants in the above-identified application hereby claim the benefit of the filing dates of *(i)* a copending prior filed international application designating the United States of America, which is PCT/IB00/00789 filed June 13, 2000 (Attorney Docket No. PC10334A), of which the above-identified application is a continuation; and *(ii)* a copending prior filed foreign application, which is Great Britain 9913932.1 filed June 15, 1999 (Attorney Docket No. PC10334).

Further pursuant to the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.55(a) and 1.78(a), Applicants hereby amend the specification of the above-identified application in order to incorporate therein a reference to the above-mentioned prior filed applications, the benefit of the filing dates of which are herein claimed. Accordingly, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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In the Specification:

After the Title, and before the first line of the instant specification, please insert the following new paragraph: